Neal W. Foster—House District 39 Representative—Alaska Democratic Party Primary Candidate (D)

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Age: 46

Place of Birth: Nome, Alaska

Occupation: Corporate Director

Length of Residency in Alaska: 46 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Nome 1972-1991 and 1997-Current Anchorage 1994-1997

Education:

Nome-Beltz High School 1986-1990 Stanford University 1991-1994 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science University of Alaska Anchorage 1994-1997 Bachelor of Business in Finance Oxford University Study Abroad 1993

Political and Government Positions:

Alaska State Representative Nome City Council Alaska Workforce Investment Board

Business and Professional Positions:

President Bonanza Fuel
President Banner Wind
President GBS, LLC
Vice-President Sitnasuak Native Corporation
Director Bering Straits Native Corporation
Director Siu Alaska Corporation
Economic Development Specialist Kawerak
Owner Foster Properties

Special Interests: Flying my airplane throughout Western Alaska, camping, and Ironman triathlons

Position Statement:

My vision for Rural Alaska is of communities that are vibrant, healthy, and safe places to raise families.

Realizing this vision requires that we overcome some challenges. A lack of jobs means difficulty in achieving economic prosperity. The high cost of energy, food, and goods contribute to poverty. A lack of water & sewer leads to sickness. And drug & alcohol abuse affect whole communities.

But if there is one thing that Rural Alaskans have proven it's that they are tough and resourceful. Many folks fight for what little they have, and I intend to do the same at the state level.

I will continue to defend power-cost-equalization (PCE). In the 1980's urban areas of the state received funds to build energy projects, and the PCE program was created as part of a deal to bring energy equity to Rural Alaska. Nearly every rural household receives annual payments ranging from \$600 - \$2,000 annually. But recently some lawmakers have indicated a willingness to raid the PCE fund. Protecting these fund will continue to be one of my highest priorities.

As the Co-Chair of the House Finance Committee for the past 2-years I have secured much needed funds for water & sewer, drug & alcohol treatment, and community assistance. I have fought to keep jobs from being eliminated. I have supported programs that help our elders stay in their homes. And I will continue to defend against those who would balance the budget on the backs of Rural Alaskans.

